



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MILITARY WOMEN'S COALITION DAY

- WHEREAS: Brave women have fought and served in every military conflict in our nation's history since the American Revolution. Today, more than 220,000 women are serving in the United States Armed Forces and 2 million female veterans call our nation home; and
- WHEREAS: Women comprise 16 percent of U.S. military personnel and 20 percent of new recruits. As the fastest-growing demographic in our nation's armed forces, women serve in almost every job occupation, including direct combat roles; and
- WHEREAS: Female veterans also comprise the fastest-growing group in need of services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as more than 800,000 women have served since September 11, 2001, and over 500,000 have used at least one service offered by the VA; and
- WHEREAS: More than 150 disparate women's groups operating on the local, state, and national levels provide the women of our military with resources to address occupational, academic, legal, physical and mental health concerns; and
- WHEREAS: These organizations are dedicated to exchanging knowledge, raising awareness of the challenges facing military women, generating greater conversation regarding sexual assault and harassment in the military, supporting the advancement of the U.S. Armed Forces and the VA, and magnifying health and mental wellness needs; and
- WHEREAS: The Military Women's Coalition unites these organizations to build upon their collective efforts in promoting the well-being of military women, while also celebrating and recognizing the contributions and successes of our female soldiers and veterans; and
- WHEREAS: On September 7, 2018, the Military Women's Coalition will host its inaugural meeting in Atlanta, offering members the opportunity to meet, network, organize, and develop foundational Coalition operating procedures. The Military Women's Coalition will provide military women with a supportive environment to voice concerns and discuss issues related to service and life within the United States Armed Forces; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2018, as MILITARY WOMEN'S COALITION DAY in Georgia and commend the organizations uniting to support the women who have served and are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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